

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 53 public bills, H.R. 1319–1371; 1 private bill, H.R. 1372; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 69; and H. Res. 211–217 were introduced. **Pages H3052–55**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3055–56**

Reports Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H. Res. 218, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, (H. Rept. 111–24).

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Pastor to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H2983**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our nation in Iraq and Afghanistan, their families, and all who serve in the armed forces and their families. **Page H2995**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, March 3rd:

Designating March 2, 2009, as “Read Across America Day”: H. Res. 146, to designate March 2, 2009, as “Read Across America Day”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 417 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 98 and **Pages H2995–96**

Commending the University of Southern California Trojan football team for its victory in the 2009 Rose Bowl: H. Res. 153, to commend the University of Southern California Trojan football team for its victory in the 2009 Rose Bowl, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 362 yeas to 15 noes with 4 voting “present”, Roll No. 106. **Pages H3025–26**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, March 4th:

Supporting the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: H. Con. Res. 14, to support the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 99. **Page H2996**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:34 p.m. and reconvened at 4:41 p.m. **Page H3018**

Helping Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009: The House passed H.R. 1106, to prevent mortgage foreclosures and enhance mortgage credit availability, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 234 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 104. Consideration of the measure began on Thursday, February 26th. **Pages H2986–95, H2997–H3024**

Rejected the Price (GA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 182 yeas to 242 noes, Roll No. 103. **Pages H3021–23**

Pursuant to H. Res. 205, amendment number 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–21 shall be considered as perfected by the modification printed in H. Rept. 111–23. **Page H3001**

Accepted:

Zoe Lofgren amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–21 and modified in H. Rept. 111–23) that requires courts to use FHA appraisal guidelines where the fair market value of a home is in dispute; denies relief to individuals who can afford to repay their mortgages without judicial mortgage modification; and extends the negotiation period from 15 to 30 days, requiring the debtor to certify that he or she contacted the lender, provided the lender with income, expense and debt statements, and that there was a process for the borrower and lender to seek to reach agreement on a qualified loan modification (by a recorded vote of 263 yeas to 164 noes, Roll No. 100) and **Pages H3001–13, H3019**

Peters amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–21) that provides that, in the case of a debtor whose home is in foreclosure, the debtor could meet the pre-filing credit counseling requirement by receiving counseling either before filing or up to 30 days after filing (by a recorded vote of 423 yeas to 2 noes, Roll No. 102). **Pages H3015–17, H3020–21**

Rejected:

Price (GA) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–21) that sought to provide that if a homeowner who has had a mortgage modified in a bankruptcy proceeding sells the home at a profit, the lender can recapture the amount of principal lost in the modification (by a recorded vote of 211 yeas to 218 noes, Roll No. 101). **Pages H3014–15, H3019**

Withdrawn:

Titus amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–21) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have required a servicer that receives an incentive payment under the Hope for Homeowners program to notify all mortgagors under